

Appl. No.: 10/618,175  
Amdt. Dated: 18 December 2006  
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

**Remarks/Arguments**

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action of 11/20/2006 entitled Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In the Office Action the Examiner has stated that the claims of the Amendment filed 10/23/2006 were not presented in ascending numerical order and required adjustment of the claim numbering so as to reflect the proper amount of claims filed, the actual number of claims being 15 thus after the first #11 claim the claims should be numbered 12-15.

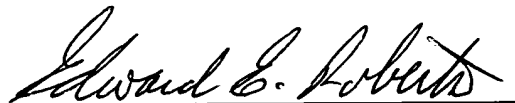
By means of underlining and strikethroughs Applicant has renumbered the 2<sup>nd</sup> #11 claim as claim #12 and previously numbered claims 12-14 renumbered as claims 13-15.

Additionally, as now numbered claim 15 has been amended to be dependent from as now numbered claim 14.

In view of the above, applicant submits that the claims remaining in the case are now in proper form for allowance and requests that the application be allowed to proceed to issue.

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Respectively submitted,



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